UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATE: October 25, 1963

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND THE NEGRO MOVEMENT--
A CURRENT ANALYSIS

With reference to your inquiry concerning the dissemination of the summary prepared under date of October 16, 1963, captioned "Communism and the Negro Movement--A Current Analysis," as you were advised in my letter dated October 18, 1963, this memorandum was disseminated on a "Top Secret" basis to Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President, and to other interested officials of the government. These included: The Honorable Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; The Honorable John A. McCone, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency; The Honorable Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; Rear Admiral Rufus L. Taylor, Director of Naval Intelligence; Major General Alva R. Fitch, Assistant Chief of Staff for Army Intelligence; Brigadier General John S. Samuel, Director of Special Investigations for the Air Force; and General D. M. Shoup, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

In view of the interest which these individuals and organizations have in communism and its attempts to infiltrate various groups and activities in the American community, it has been our standard procedure to periodically disseminate to them information which indicates the communist efforts in this connection, and in this particular instance we followed the usual procedure.

With reference to the dissemination to the Army, the Army has specifically requested that, in view of its responsibility for the control of activities and demonstrations beyond the capacity of local agencies, we keep it currently advised of communist activities in the racial field and in other areas which might result in demonstrations or difficulties.

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